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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Robert M. Kimmitt, Acting RMK

1. Panama: We understand the Electoral Tribunal is preparing to revise its previous annulment of the May 7th elections and declare Endara the legitimate winner. This should help win formal recognition from legalistic Latin governments. A State-Treasury economic reconstruction task force is developing plans for economic development and expects to send a technical team, likely headed by a senior official for symbolic effect, to Panama shortly. A State-DOD task force is working to expedite USG and private sector humanitarian and reconstruction relief.

2. Romania: Emergency Relief: In addition to the U.S. Ambassador's commitment of \$25,000 in discretionary emergency relief, AID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) has contributed \$500,000 to the International Red Cross. At the direct request of the Romanian Government, a U.S. military flight with \$250,000 in relief supplies will be dispatched to Bucharest December 28. A five-person OFDA assessment team will travel to Bucharest as soon as commercial air links are reestablished.

3. Chinese Steps Since the Scowcroft Visit: Chinese education officials have informed Embassy Beijing they are prepared to go ahead with a Peace Corps program as originally planned, beginning next September. Talks continue on resuming the Fulbright program, but the Chinese are balking at including Chinese graduate students. PRC spokesmen and media, however, have denounced our action in Panama and Jiang Zemin has told Hong Kong reporters that lifting martial law depends on "international and domestic situations" and cannot be a precondition to improved US-PRC relations.

4. Meeting on Afghanistan/Cambodia with Dubinin: The Soviets presented me a demarche urging renewal of the mandate for UNGOMAP (United Nations Good Offices Mission to Afghanistan and Pakistan). They reacted favorably to our proposal that would permit UNGOMAP to assist the UN Secretary-General's search for a political settlement in Afghanistan. On Cambodia, I reminded the Soviets they owed an answer to the U.S. proposal for Perm Five consultations and said the discussions could be held at a level higher than the Perm Five reps in New York as a prelude to the February Baker-Shevardnadze meetings.

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